



WARFIGHTER TEAM CHALLENGE 2006

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The 10th annual Warfighter Team Challenge concluded at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, on 24 September 2006 as the outstanding Warrior Police team from the 728th Military Police Battalion, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, won the title as overall winner. The second and third place teams were the 716th Military Police Battalion from Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and the 91st Military Police Battalion from Fort Drum, New York.

The competition began with 33 Active Army and Reserve Component military police teams from around the world, to include Cuba, Korea, Germany, Japan, Alaska, Hawaii, and numerous installations in the continental United States, that came to compete for the title "Best Military Police Team." The host for this event, the 14th Military Police Brigade, ensured that this year's competition was as realistic and challenging as ever. Competitors were tested in events that measured their skills in land navigation and weapons qualification, along with tests on common tasks, physical fitness and endurance, and field survival skills.





The Warfighter teams truly earned the awards given to them and demonstrated the Warrior Ethos and the spirit of the Warrior Police. They faced many adverse conditions, including weather that ranged from sunny and warm to rainy and cold. Each team crossed the line with either a smile or a grimace, with tears of joy or tears of pain. It was obvious to all spectators and supporters that this year's teams were well trained and already looking forward to competing in next year's event.

